



SBA DISASTER NEWS

Federal Disaster Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All Sizes

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SBA DISASTER LOAN DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR DROUGHT VICTIMS

FORT WORTH, TX -- Businesses in some Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas, South Dakota, and Wyoming counties had until January 14, 2004 to file applications for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). However, based on new data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, moderate to extreme drought conditions still exist in these areas and as a result **the deadline for filing an application has been extended until March 15, 2004.** The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans are available for businesses dependent on farmers and ranchers sustaining crop losses due to drought, extreme heat, grasshopper infestation, and high winds that occurred from July 1, 2002, and continuing. Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for these SBA loans. However, nurseries that are victims of drought disasters can apply. Businesses in the following counties are eligible to apply:

Nebraska:

Adams	Clay	Grant	Kimball	Rock
Antelope	Custer	Greeley	Knox	Scotts Bluff
Arthur	Dawes	Hall	Lincoln	Sheridan
Banner	Dawson	Hamilton	Logan	Sherman
Blaine	Deuel	Harlan	Loup	Sioux
Boone	Dundy	Hayes	McPherson	Thayer
Box Butte	Fillmore	Hitchcock	Merrick	Thomas
Boyd	Franklin	Holt	Morrill	Valley
Brown	Frontier	Hooker	Nance	Webster
Buffalo	Furnas	Howard	Nuckolls	Wheeler
Chase	Garden	Kearney	Perkins	
Cherry	Garfield	Keith	Phelps	
Cheyenne	Gosper	Keya Paha	Red Willow	

Colorado:

Logan	Phillips	Sedgwick	Weld	Yuma
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Kansas:

Cheyenne	Jewell	Phillips	Republic
Decatur	Norton	Rawlins	Smith

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South Dakota:

Bennett
Charles Mix

Fall River
Gregory

Shannon
Todd

Tripp

Wyoming:

Goshen

Laramie

Niobrara

Applications and further information can be obtained by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

These loans are intended to assist businesses in offsetting working capital losses which they suffered as a result of the severe weather reducing the crop income of the area farmers and ranchers. Small businesses claiming to have been physically injured by the disaster are not eligible.

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For more information about the SBA Disaster Loan Programs, visit our website at www.sba.gov/disaster.